

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

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1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:  
a light source;  
rotational deflecting means for deflecting light emitted from said light  
source;  
a mirror for reflecting the light deflected by said deflecting means;  
an image bearing member ~~to~~ on which the light reflected by said mirror is  
irradiated; and  
a plurality of lenses for image-forming using the light ~~reflected~~ deflected  
by said ~~mirror~~ deflecting means onto said image bearing member,  
wherein, in an optical path along which the light deflected by said  
deflecting means is directed toward said image bearing member, said plurality of lenses are  
provided on a downstream side of said mirror.

12.-14. (Cancelled)

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15. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said plurality of lenses are scanning lenses respectively.

16. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said deflecting means includes a polygonal mirror having a reflecting surface, and one of said plurality of lenses corrects an inclination of the reflecting surface of said polygonal mirror.

17. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein only ~~one~~ said mirror, and no other mirror, is arranged in the optical path.

18. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 11, including a plurality of light sources, wherein a single one of said deflecting means is positioned to deflect light emitted from said plurality of light sources, and wherein separate sets comprising a said mirror, and no other mirror, a said plurality of lenses, and a said image bearing member, are arranged with respect to each of said plurality of light sources.

19. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein a pitch between neighboring ones of said mirrors ~~are~~ is substantially the same as a pitch between neighboring ones of said image bearing members.

20. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 18, comprising an optical box for containing said deflecting means, said mirrors, and said

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cont.) pluralities of lenses.

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22. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 20, including ~~two~~ said optical boxes and another optical box.

23. (Currently Amended) A scanning optical apparatus comprising:  
a light source;  
rotational deflecting means for deflecting light emitted from said light source;  
a mirror for reflecting the light deflected by said deflecting means; and  
a plurality of lenses for image-forming using the light ~~reflected~~ deflected  
by said ~~mirror~~ deflecting means,  
wherein said plurality of lenses are provided on a downstream side of said mirror in an optical path along which the light deflected by said deflecting means advances.

24. (Previously Presented) A scanning optical apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said plurality of lenses are scanning lenses respectively.

25. (Currently Amended) A scanning optical apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein said deflecting means includes a polygonal mirror having a reflecting surface, and

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one of said plurality of lenses corrects an inclination of the reflecting surface of said polygonal mirror.

26. (Previously Presented) A scanning optical apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein only one said mirror is arranged in the optical path.

27. (Previously Presented) A scanning optical apparatus according to Claim 23, including a plurality of light sources, wherein a single one of said deflector means is positioned to deflect light emitted from said plurality of light sources, and wherein separate sets comprising a said mirror and a said plurality of lenses are arranged with respect to each of said plurality of light sources.

28. (Previously Presented) A scanning optical apparatus according to Claim 27, comprising an optical box for containing said deflecting means, said mirrors and said pluralities of lenses.

29. (Currently Amended) A scanning optical apparatus according to Claim 28, wherein said deflecting means includes a polygonal mirror for deflecting light emitted from two light sources.

30. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:  
a light source;

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source;

means;

an image bearing member to which the light reflected by said reflecting member is irradiated; and

a plurality of imaging members for image-forming the light ~~reflected~~ deflected by said ~~reflecting member~~ deflecting means onto said image bearing member,

wherein in an optical path along which the light deflected by said deflecting means is directed toward said image bearing member, said plurality of imaging members are provided on a downstream side of said reflecting member.

31. (Currently Amended) A scanning optical apparatus comprising:

a light source;

rotational deflecting means for deflecting light emitted from said light source;

a reflecting member for reflecting the light deflected by said deflecting means; and

a plurality of imaging members for image-forming the light ~~reflected~~ deflected by said ~~reflecting member~~ deflecting means.

wherein said plurality of imaging members are provided on a downstream side of said ~~reflecting member~~ deflecting means in an optical path along which the light deflected

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by said deflecting means advances.

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32. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said deflecting means includes a polygonal mirror for deflecting light emitted from two light sources.

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